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SUBJECT: MUTTENDANGO VISIT TO U.S. TO DRAW ON AID PROGRAM LOAN

REF: A) LUSAKA 1959, B) LUSAKA 1993

1. OLE BENDIX, EXPATRIATE MEMBER CONTINGENCY COMMITTEE STAFF PHONED EMBASSY TODAY TO DISCUSS ZAMBIA'S URGENT NEEDS IN TRANSPORT SECTOR. HE REPORTED CONTINGENCY COMMITTEE DIRECTOR MUTTENDANGO NOW IN U.S. TO NEGOTIATE PURCHASE "TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT" AND IMPLIED BULK OF AID PROGRAM LOAN TO BE THUS UTILIZED. WHEN ASKED IF HE REFERRED TO GM TRUCKS, BENDIX REPLIED ANSWER WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT MUTTENDANGO'S RETURN OCTOBER 5. BENDIX, WHO HAS BEEN COORDINATING LIST OF PRIORITY ITEMS TO BE PURCHASED UNDER PROGRAM LOAN, ALLUDED TO HIGH LEVEL GRZ DISCUSSION ON LOAN USE OF WHICH HE PREVIOUSLY UNAWARE. IMPLICATION THROUGHOUT WAS THAT MUTTENDANGO EMPOWERED COMPLETE ARRANGEMENTS WHILE IN U.S. FOR TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT, I.E., GM TRUCKS.

2. EMBASSY UNINFORMED ON DETAILS OF "HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSION" TO WHICH BENDIX REFERRED. ALTHOUGH ASSUMPTION IS SUCH A MEETING MAY HAVE CULMINATED IN DECISION WHEREBY IT AGREED PRIME MINISTER
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WOULD CALL IN AMBASSADOR AS HE DID SEPT 29. IN

FACT, IT WAS PM WHO FIRST TOLD US MUTTENDANGO
"WAS OR WOULD SOON BE IN U.S." WHICH EXPLAINS
ABORTIVE MEETING WITH MUTTENDANGO FOR SEPT 27.
MUTTENDANGO'S OFFICE UNINFORMED WHERE HE CAN BE
REACHED IN U.S. BUT SUGGEST ZAMBIAN EMBASSY, GRZ
MISSION NEW YORK, OR GM OVERSEAS DIV, NEW YORK,
MAY BE ABLE LOCATE HIM. UNDERSTAND HE DUE RETURN
LUSAKA LATE SATURDAY, OCT 5.

3. COMMENT: CONFIRMATION MUTTENDANGO TRIP UNDER-
SCORES URGENCY GRZ TRANSPORT SITUATION AS DESCRIBED
BY PRIME MINISTER (REFTEL). WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER
MUTTENDANGO'S MISSION RELATED SOLELY TO GM TRUCKS,
BUT WOULD HOPE WASHINGTON THINKING ON TAW CASE
HAS ADVANCED TO POINT WHERE MUTTENDANGO VISIT MIGHT
STIMULATE FULL-DRESS REVIEW TAW CASE IN CONTEXT
ZAMBIA'S OVERALL TRANSPORT NEEDS AND ATTRACT
MINISTER CHIKWANDA, HIS PERMSEC MWANANSHIKU
AND POSSIBLY GOVERNOR KUWANI INTO DISCUSSION
WITH U.S. OFFICIAL AND PRIVATE INTERESTS CONCERNED.
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